

gold and silver, in each packet produced to us, corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took ten coins from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to eighty sovereigns or twenty-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the standard of weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was plus one thousandth of an ounce (+ .001 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said gold coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard gold Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act amended as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the standard of fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was plus two hundred-thousandth (or + .00002), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said gold coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight. We then took from such residue four sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123.297 grains, the second 123.110 grains, the third 123.391 grains, the fourth 123.209 grains. We then assayed the said four sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916.50, the second 916.66, the third 916.67, the fourth 916.61 respectively. We also took a coin from each of such packets of silver coins, making altogether one hundred and thirteen half-crowns, eighty-one florins, ninety-six shillings, fifty-one sixpences, one fourpence, forty-five threepences, one twopence, and one penny, and weighed each of the said silver coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the said Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the standard weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was minus two hundredths of an ounce (- .02 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said silver coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard silver Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act amended as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation from the standard of fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended, was minus fifty-five hundred-thousandths (or - .00055), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said silver coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight. We then took from such residue four half-crowns, three florins, three shillings, one sixpence, and one threepence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that

such half-crowns weighed respectively, the first 217.821 grains, the second 218.376 grains, the third 218.637 grains, and the fourth 218.002 grains; that such florins weighed respectively, the first 174.303 grains, the second 174.867 grains, and the third 174.407 grains; that such shillings weighed respectively, the first 87.375 grains, the second 87.051 grains, and the third 87.232 grains; that such sixpence weighed 43.602 grains, and that such threepence weighed 21.730 grains. We then assayed the said four half-crowns, the said three florins, the said three shillings, the said sixpence, and the said threepence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such half-crowns to be, the first 925.0, the second 924.7, the third 924.1, and the fourth 925.1; of such florins to be, the first 924.8, the second 923.6, and the third 923.9; of such shillings to be, the first 924.9, the second 924.7, and the third 924.3; of such sixpence to be 923.8, and of such threepence to be 924.4.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1917.

R. Williams (Foreman).

Alfred Dent.

John B. Carrington.

Henry F. Bowles.

Aldenham.

Harrowby.

Chas. H. Townley.

H. C. Lambert.

J. F. W. Deacon.

H. Alston.

H. A. Trotter

C. T. Heycock.

H. W. Robinson.

Geo. H. Pite.

John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE PERTH BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of London, have made the essays and trials of His Majesty's gold coins in the Pyx of the Branch Mint at Perth, in the State of Western Australia, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, both days inclusive. We ascertained that the number of coins in each packet produced to us corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took one coin from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to eighty-four sovereigns or twenty-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the standard of weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was plus three-thousandths of an ounce (+ .003 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said gold coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed